

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Miner, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Somers, Ranking Member Harding, State Representative Buckbee, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee ,

I care about the suffering of animals, including wildlife (my husband and I are licensed Ct. wildlife rehabilitators) and I vote. I am writing about the five bills coming up on Monday, March 6th:

1) Oppose SB 522

Would allow bear hunting. We introduce species of animals again that have disappeared and then lots of people complain because they think now there are too many of them. The bears are here now, production rates are slow and the emphasis should be on humane solutions to keep the bears away, such as hazing, keeping food and garbage inside the house, don't keep bird feeders out, etc.

2) Oppose HB 5499

Would expand Sunday hunting to allow use of shotguns, rifles and muzzle loaders. Why this urge to kill animals, even on Sunday? They are just trying to make a living the same as humans do. If the environment is right for the deer, they will keep reproducing, unless we kill everyone of them.

3) Support HB 6335

Ivory sales ban, will prohibit the sale of ivory and rhino horn within CT.

4) Support with amendments, SB 942

Amendment recommendations: please see testimony submitted by the HSUS regarding anti-trophy hunting measures. I personally find it horrible to kill another living creature for trophies.

5) Support HB 6334

Would require registration for all brick-and-mortar animal shelters and allow for inspections and creation of regulations that define standards of care.

6) Finally I ask you to consider bringing up HB 5615 for a public hearing.

HB 5615 would give local control to municipalities to determine whether or not they want to ban trapping. It is terribly cruel, some animals chew off their limbs from pain and fear and many times pets and unintended wildlife get trapped in these traps. Mass., Rhode Island and New Jersey are among other states who have banned or severely restricted the use of leg hold and body crushing traps and I hope Ct. will do the same.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

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